

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for communication between a first unit (2) and a second unit (1) via a telecommunications network (R), wherein the first unit comprises a first family of applications (4) and a second family of applications (3) having communication capacities on the network extending beyond the communication capacities of the applications of the first family, the method comprising the following steps of:

/a/ obtaining, by a confidence component (8) belonging to the second family of applications, ~~obtains the~~ a statement of a question to be posed to a user of the first unit in the context of ~~the~~ an execution of an application (4) of the first family;

/b/ presenting the question by the confidence component ~~presents the question~~ via a user interface (9) and ~~captures~~ capturing a response from the user by the confidence component; and

/c/ for at least one type of response from the user, transmitting from the confidence component ~~transmits~~ to the second unit, via the network, at least one message identifying the question presented and indicating the response captured, said message being transmitted under conditions inaccessible to the applications of the first family.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the question posed is identified in the message of step /c/ by including the question statement in said message.

3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein, for at least one other type of response reflecting a refusal of the user in relation to the question posed, the confidence component (8) indicates the refusal to said application (4) of the first family.

4. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein, for the type of response reflecting a refusal of the user in relation to the question posed, the confidence component (8) does not transmit the message of step /c/ to the second unit (1).

5. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of validating any one of the preceding claims, ~~wherein the second unit (1) validates~~ the response of the user at the second unit on receipt of the message transmitted in step /c/ by making sure that it said message has actually been transmitted under conditions inaccessible to the applications of the first family.

6. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising the step of returning wherein, following validation of the user's response, ~~the second unit (1) returns~~ a response message from the second unit to the confidence component (8) via the network (R).

7. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the confidence component (8) indicates to said application (4) of the first family the content of the response message received from the second unit (1).

8. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the statement of the question is indicated directly to the confidence component (8) in step /a/ by said application (4) of the first family.

9. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said application (4) of the first family indicates an address of the second unit (1) with the statement of the question in step /a/.

10. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein step /a/ comprises the following sub-steps:

/a1/ indicating from said application (4) of the first family ~~indicates~~ to the confidence component (8) an address of the second unit (1) and a request to be submitted in order to obtain the statement of the question from the second unit;

/a2/ transmitting the request from the confidence component ~~transmits the request~~ to the indicated address via the network (R);

/a3/ retrieving the statement of the question at the confidence component ~~retrieves the statement of the question~~ from a response to the request returned by the second unit via the network.

11. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the request is transmitted by the confidence component (8) in sub-step /a2/ under conditions accessible to the applications of the first family.

12. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10 ~~or 11~~, wherein the response to the request returned by the second unit (1) further includes a reference, said reference being stored by which the confidence component (8) ~~stores and~~ then inserted inserts into the message transmitted in step /c/ to identify the question posed.

13. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein said application (4) of the first family is a program written in Java language, and the confidence component (8) is incorporated in a virtual Java machine (6) with which the first unit (2) is provided.

14. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the applications (3) of the second family have the capacity to access, via the network (R), at least one URL associated with the second unit (1) and inaccessible to the applications (4) of the first family.

15. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, wherein the applications (4) of the first family are not capable of accessing the network (R).

16. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, wherein the applications (4) of the first family have the capacity, in a determined transfer protocol, to access only a single remote site which does not comprise the second unit (1).

17. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, wherein each request originating from an application (4) of the second family transmitted on the network (R) and destined for the second unit (1) is forced to include a marking associated with the second family of applications (3).

18. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, wherein each request originating from an application (4) of the second family transmitted on the network (R) and destined for the second unit (1) is forced not to include a marking associated with the first family, said marking being included in at least some of the requests transmitted on the network and originating from applications (3) of the first family.

19. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 17 ~~or 18~~, wherein the requests comprise HTTP requests, and the marking is inserted in the headers of the HTTP requests.

20. (Currently amended) A confidence software component for a first unit (2) capable of communicating with a second unit (1) via a telecommunications network (R), the first unit comprising a first family of applications (4) and a second family of applications (3) having communication capacities on the network extending beyond the communication capacities of the applications of the first family, wherein the confidence component (8) belonging belongs to the second family of applications and including includes instructions to control the following steps of a method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19 during in an execution of the component in the first unit:

- /a/ obtaining a statement of a question to be posed to a user of the first unit in the context of an execution of an application of the first family;
- /b/ presenting the question via a user interface and capturing a response from the user;
and

/c/ for at least one type of response from the user, transmitting to the second unit, via the network, at least one message identifying the question presented and indicating the response captured, said message being transmitted under conditions inaccessible to the applications of the first family.

21. (Currently amended) A communications terminal comprising means for communicating; incorporating a confidence software component as claimed in claim 20 to communicate with a remote unit (1) via a telecommunications network (R) and hosting a first family of applications and a second family of applications having communication capacities on the network extending beyond communication capacities of the applications of the first family, wherein the second family of applications comprises a confidence component including instructions to control the following steps in an execution of the component:

/a/ obtaining a statement of a question to be posed to a user of the communications terminal in the context of an execution of an application of the first family;

/b/ presenting the question via a user interface and capturing a response from the user;
and

/c/ for at least one type of response from the user, transmitting to the remote unit, via the network, at least one message identifying the question presented and indicating the response captured, said message being transmitted under conditions inaccessible to the applications of the first family.